

## **Author's response to reviews**

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The Editor,  
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Geneva, Switzerland.

Dear Sir,

Submission of revised manuscript titled "National Data System on Near Miss and Maternal Death: Shifting from Maternal Risk to Public Health Impact in Nigeria " for Publication

We wish to submit the revised version of the above titled manuscript for publication in the Reproductive Health. The corrections have been made along

the reviewers' comments. The criteria have been changed to that of WHO for maternal near miss (Say et al). We have gone through all the articles published by experts in Best Practice..... and have incorporated some changes based on the knowledge gained.

With regards data collection, designated and trained clinicians will collect data at the respective sites. For estimation of case fatality rates, disease distribution that is normally recorded in the delivery log at all institutions will also be computed on a monthly basis. Since this is routinely done at all institutions, it should not be an additional problem for the project.

As regards gradual introduction of the project before scaling up, we reckoned that it will prolong the project period and thus the funds required. With the training that will be conducted before the beginning of data collection, the project can be managed effectively at the regional levels by the regional coordinators. The status of information technology in Nigeria will also facilitate effective communication between site coordinators, regional coordinators and central coordinating team to sort out any problem that may arise during the course of the project.

All authors approved the final 'to be published' version of the manuscript and are responsible for the integrity of the work. The final version of the manuscript has been prepared in accordance with the authors' guidelines for your journal.

We hope to hear from you soon.

Yours sincerely,

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